

# Portuguese SCAR mirror group work process

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In 2016, in a preliminary SCAR group meeting the main topic discussed was the identification of tools to increase the effectiveness of SCAR national representation through:

1

Increased capacity to collect national information (mapping) to provide to SCAR working groups and plenary. Identification of the Portuguese interlocutors - who can benefit from the SCAR information?

2

Increased capacity to disseminate SCAR activities and publications to higher education institutions, companies and other stakeholder's. National Funding Agency website can publish SCAR/CASA information.

3

Better articulation with other national groups (e.g. Rural Development Programme, National Rural Network/EIP Agri, Thematic Area of Innovation/Centers of Competence, BlueBioAlliance, PortugalFoods)

4

Joint actions with other Member States (e.g. France, Spain)

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In 2017, the Portuguese National Funding Agency (FCT) implemented an inclusive and dynamic process of preparing fourteen **Thematic R&I Agendas** to identify challenges and opportunities for the medium and long-term development of R&I activities in the Portuguese scientific and technological system.

<https://www.fct.pt/agendastematicas/index.phtml.en>

The screenshot shows the FCT website with the header '20 anos | FCT Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia'. The navigation bar includes 'Funding', 'Calls', 'Media', 'Statistics', and 'About FCT'. The main content area is titled 'Thematic Agendas for Research and Innovation' and includes an 'Introduction' section. The introduction states that in the spirit of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 32/2016, dated June 3, 2016, and more specifically of the principles set forth in the attachment entitled "Commitment to Knowledge and Science: the Commitment to the Future", FCT ensures the preparation of fourteen Thematic R&I Agendas. It further explains that Research and Innovation Thematic Agendas aim in particular to mobilize experts from R&D institutions and companies to identify challenges and opportunities in the Portuguese scientific and technological system, particularly in the medium- and long-term. These agendas are also expected to contribute to the development of research and innovation activities, contributing to finding answers to the problems or needs of different sectors of society. The inclusive and dynamic process of preparing these agendas - involving experts from academia, research centers, companies, public organizations and civil society, within a framework of dialogue between different national actors - makes it possible to specify emerging and promising areas for Portuguese Research and Innovation, in a medium- and long-term perspective, until 2030. Below the introduction, there are sections for 'GOALS', 'PROCESS', and 'CURRENT SITUATION'. The 'Thematic Agendas' section lists two agendas: 'Agri-food, Forestry and Biodiversity' and 'Portuguese Architecture'. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links: 'contacts', 'FAQs', 'sitemap', 'FCT-SIG', 'Login', 'Registration', 'General information about FCT', 'About FCT', 'What we do', 'Organisation', '20 Years FCT', 'Publications', 'Contacts', 'Information Society', 'Open Access', 'I&I Policy Support', 'Archive of Science and Technology', 'Studies and Strategy', and 'The FCT information system'.



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The R&I Agenda for **Agri-food, Forestry** and **Biodiversity** imbibed **49 experts** from R&D institutions and companies and focuses on terrestrial, aquatic (river, estuarine, and coastal) and marine ecosystems, as well as on interface zones.

The agenda's overall topic comprises priority R&I areas and several cross-cutting issues such as governance, society, sustainable management, digitization, and Earth observation, among others.





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The R&I Agenda for the **Sea** imbibed **51 experts** belonging to sub-groups of R&I from institutions and companies.

The agenda's overall topics comprise priority R&I areas inside several themes common to the two sub-groups, including cross-cutting issues such as Governance, Sustainable Management, **Ocean Observation and Literacy**.





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It was decided by FCT and CASA representatives that the Portuguese SCAR mirror-group will be divided in two sub-groups (**SCAR-AKIS** and **SCAR-Fish**) implemented in 2018 with the initial integration of the **49 + 51 experts** identified in course of the development of **R&I Agenda for Agri-food, Forestry and Biodiversity** and **R&I Agenda for the Sea** respectively.





# THANK YOU

For your attention

